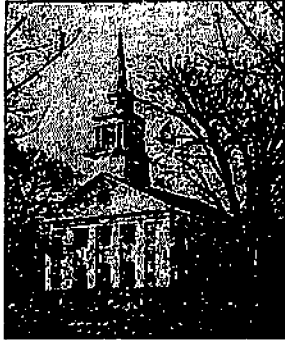


# churches



## The Meeting House of the First Parish

Duxbury, Massachusetts

This parish, "gathered" in 1632, five years before the incorporation of the town, has been housed in four churches. The first two, that of about 1637 and that of 1707, were built within or beside the old burying ground, on what is now Chestnut street. The third building (1787) was almost on the site of the present church, though a little nearer the cemetery. Not large enough to house the congregation and not imposing enough for some of the ship-owner parishioners, it was taken down to give way to the fourth building, the present church, designed to seat a congregation of one thousand. Dedicated in October, 1840, it was completed in detail the next year.

The stately mahogany pulpit is said to be the work of Seth Peterson. The tablets with scriptural texts, on either side of the pulpit, were the gift of Gershom Bradford, and a whale-oil system of lighting (one of the lamps of which is shown in the vestibule), was given by Rev. Josiah Moore. The old Bible, printed in London in 1772, was perhaps used in the 1787 church. A more modern Bible was presented in 1899 in memory of Mrs. Ruth B. Sampson Ford. The clock under the gallery was the gift of Ezra Weston, second of the name, son of "King Caesar". The front row of pews in the body of the church was removed to make easier the approach to the pulpit. The church is now adequately heated for winter occupancy.

Furnishings or articles in the vestibule include the old desk and table taken from Partridge Academy where they were used for many years by the school principals. The portraits are of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Loring, of Island Creek, long-time members of the parish. Photographs show the two ministers of longest tenure of service, Rev. Dr. John Allyn (1788-1833) and Rev. Josiah Moore, (1834-1881). A painting of the third church is accompanied by a description of its frame. The plan of seating is also displayed. The bell-yoke and hammer are from the 1787 church or very probably from an earlier one. A hand-pegged pew-door of this third meeting house is shown. The ministerial library was begun in 1802.

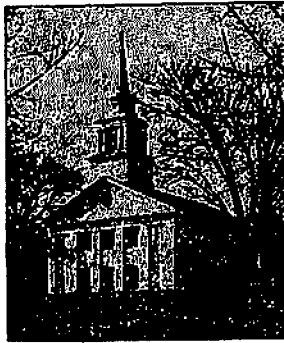
The church silver, now in the custody of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, is displayed each year on Ancestors' Sunday. It includes three communion cups given in 1731 by James Partridge. Of interest is a very old pewter christening bowl.

Being the largest auditorium in town, the church serves a civic purpose, used as it is for patriotic services, for lectures and concerts, as well as for weddings and funerals. Here were held the graduation exercises of Partridge Academy. It is said that ships at sea get their bearings from the church spire.

It is the custom of the congregation to face the choir for the last hymn, in memory of the days when the precentor beat the time with his tuning fork.

Friends of the parish and visitors to the town are welcome to the weekly service, regularly held at eleven in the morning.

First Parish. Founded 1632



"We are shaped and fashioned by what we love."

## The Unitarian Church

Duxbury, Massachusetts

CARL BIHL DORFF, Minister

### *Announces*

Sunday, June 13th

The Sermon: Heroes, Old and New.

Greeting Committee: Miss Alice Berriman  
Mr. Walter Prince

Sunday, June 20th

The Sermon: What shall we do with Christian Science?

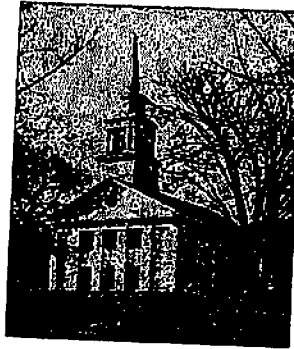
Greeting Committee: Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Peterson

The Alliance meets Thursday, June 17th in the Parish House at eleven o'clock. Box luncheons are to be brought. The Program includes further arrangements for the Annual Pilgrim Fair.

The Y. P. R. U. is giving two one act plays and a dance, at the Parish House, Monday, June 14th. Curtain rises at eight. Tickets: adults, 35c.; children, 20c.

The Sunday School Picnic will take place June 21st. Leaving the Parish House at ten o'clock, the group will go to Fieldston, returning about four o'clock. Each person will bring a box lunch. Milk and ice cream will be served. Parents and friends are invited. In case of rain, picnic postponed till next fair day, same hour,

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"Men are not to be judged by their looks, habits, and appearances; but by the character of their lives and by their works."

## The Unitarian Church

Duxbury, Massachusetts

CARL BIHLDORFF, Minister

### Announces

Sunday, June 27th

The Sermon: The Value of Christian Science.

Greeting Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lovering, Jr.

Sunday, July 4th

The Sermon: And God said: "Go forth."

Greeting Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peterson

The Y. P. R. U. outing to Nantasket is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, leaving from the Parish House at ten o'clock. Each person is to bring a box luncheon. Mrs. Herbert Wirt, Mrs. Chester Lovering, Jr., Mrs. Walter Prince and Mr. Carl Bihldorff are in charge.

The Alliance will meet both Thursday, July 1st and 8th, in preparation for the Pilgrim Fair to be held July 15th. Box luncheons are to be brought. Meetings will be held in the Parish House

The Unitarian Church offers to its members and friends the Parish House location as a parking space and reviewing stand for the Tercentenary parade. Seatees will be provided.

The Churches of Duxbury are holding a Commemorative Service at Captain's Hill, on Sunday, July 4th, at four o'clock.

"In all ages man hast worshipped Thee."

## **The Unitarian Church**

First Parish. Founded 1632

**Buxbury, Massachusetts**

CARL BIHL DORFF, Minister

The First Parish welcomes you to its service of worship  
in the First Parish Church

Sunday, July 4th, 1937 at eleven o'clock

in commemoration of

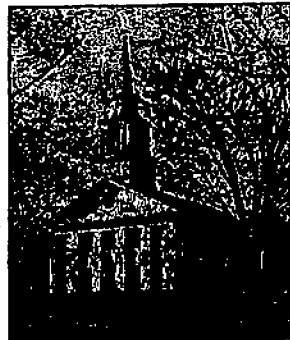
**Buxbury's three hundredth Anniversary**

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Benediction	

Greeting Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peterson

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"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send ...? Then said I  
Here am I; send me."—Isaiah 6:8.

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CARL BIHLDORFF, Minister

### *Announces*

#### Sunday, July 11th

Rev. Gordon L. Adamson of the Unitarian Church in Kingston  
will lead the worship service and preach. Sermon: "I Saw the  
Lord..."

Greeting Committee: Mrs. Harry Nichols and Miss Ruby Graves

#### Sunday, July 18th

Rev. Abbot Peterson, Jr. of the Unitarian Church Ithica, N.Y.  
will preach,

Greeting Committee: Miss Harriet Ford and Mr. Chas. Clarke.

#### Sunday, July 25th

Rev. Frederic Tileston, of the United Liberal Church of Atlan-  
ta, Ga., and formerly minister of our own Church, will preach.  
Greeting Committee: Mrs. B. O. Dawes and Mrs. Wm. A. Howland

The Annual ALLIANCE FAIR will be held Thursday, July 15,  
from ten to four o'clock, at the Parish House. A chicken Salad  
Luncheon will be served at one o'clock, tickets sixty cents.  
After July 15th, The Alliance adjourns till Fall.

Rev. Carl Bihldorff is attending the Religious Education Pro-  
gram at Star Island during the week of July 18th to 24th. The fol-  
lowing week he attends the Y. P. R. U. meeting at Camp Rowe in  
the Berkshires, where he is guest speaker.

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"The great discoveries of the next century will be in the realm of religion."

## **The Unitarian Church**

**Duxbury, Massachusetts**

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**CARL BIHL DORFF, Minister**

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### ***Announces***

**Sunday, August 1st**

**The Sermon: Psychic Phenomena and Science.**

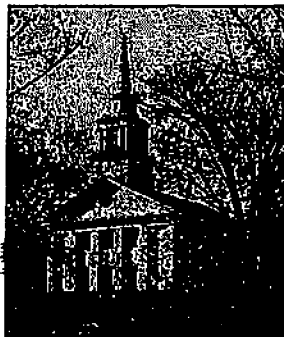
**Greeting Committee: Mrs. Herbert Wirt and Mr. Chester Lovering, Jr**

**Sunday, August 8th**

**The Sermon: Psychic Phenomena and Religion.**

**Greeting Committee: Mrs. Harry Nichols and Mrs. Kempton Baker.**

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I would rather be right than be president."—Henry Clay.

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CARL BIHLDORFF, Minister

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### *Announces*

Sunday, August 15th

The Sermon: How to Tell Right from Wrong.

Greeting Committee: Mrs. Howard Blanchard and Miss Margaret Hastings.

Sunday, August 22nd

Ancestors' Day Service at four o'clock. A Program of Special music will be given.

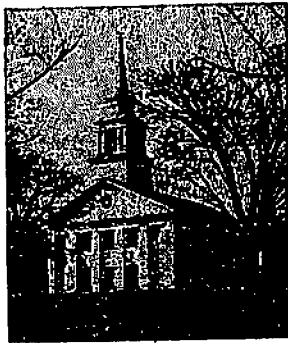
The Sermon: We,—Their Ancestors!

Following the worship service an informal reception will be held. Refreshments will be served.

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There will be no regular morning service Sunday, Aug. 22nd. The Ancestors Service at four o'clock will be the only meeting on that date.

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"Science ever has been, and ever must be, the safeguard of religion."  
- Sir David Browster.

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### *Announces*

Sunday, August 29th

The Sermon: Science vs. Religion.

Greeting Committee: Mrs. Warren Wentworth, Jr.  
Mr. Walter Prince

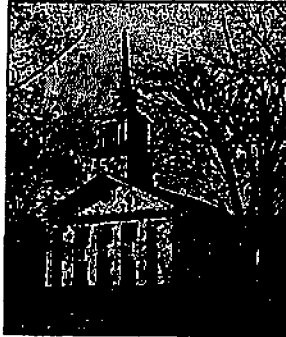
Sunday, September 5th

The Rev. Everett Moore Baker, Administrative Vice-President  
of the American Unitarian Association, will preach.

Greeting Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wirt.



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"God is great, and therefore He will be sought: He is good, and therefore He will be found."

## **The Unitarian Church**

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**CARL BIHLDORFF, Minister**

### ***Announces***

**Sunday, September 12th**

**The Sermon: What is God?**

**Greeting Committee: Mrs. Jesse Berriman and Miss Alice Berriman**

**Usher: Mr. Walter Prince**

**Sunday, September 19th**

**The Sermon: Are Our Children Taught All They Should Know?**

**Greeting Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wentworth, Jr.**

**Usher: Mr. Chester Lovering, Jr.**

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** will begin Sunday, Sept. 19th. at twelve noon. The Children will meet at the Parish House, where the School will be held this year.

**THE Y. P. R. U.** meetings commence Sunday, Sept. 19th. The group will meet in the Parish house at seven o'clock. Officers will be elected, and plans for the year discussed. Every member is urged to be present, and is asked to bring along any interested friends.

The Ladies of the Parish are holding a **FOOD SALE** at the Parish house, Saturday morning, September 18th, beginning at nine o'clock